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TO : CO 88U/I-2 Germany
SUBJECT: OKW Ag WNV/Pa/Ost (Documents)
SOURCE: (Lt. Welf) Ulrich WIRTH

I. INTRODUCTION:

1. The informant, Ulrich WIRTH was contacted through a friend of ROBOT, a Mr. SCHMIDT-POLLUX of Schliersee/Bavaria.
2. Ulrich WIRTH was born 7 Oct 1918 at Altenburg/Thuringia. At the time of his draft into the Wehrmacht in 1940 he has another two semesters left to complete his course at the Berlin University (Newspaper course). - WIRTH served two years with the Wehrmacht before the war (1.11.1937 - 1.7.1939). On 1.11.1940 he was re-inducted into the Army. On 1.6.1942 he was commissioned as a 2nd Lt. of the Infantry, but shortly after this (1.9.1942) he was placed on a DS with the OKW Ag WNV/Pa where he remained to the end of the war (his DS accounts for the fact that he never received any other promotion). - On 1.6.1945 WIRTH was discharged from an American PW camp at Kied/Austria (II Corps of the 3rd US Army). He has since resided on a farm some 12 km E of Landau/Bavaria. His wife is presently employed as an interpreter by the Landau MG.

WIRTH is anxious to be of service to us; he has at the request of the undersigned made a special trip of over 200 km to recover his notes and other papers on the subject which he had used in his work as a Referent Ost of the OKW Ag WNV/Pa.

II. Organization of OKW WNV:

- OKW WNV (Gen. FELLOISEL)
- OKW Ag WNV (Gen. THIEL)
- OKW Ag WNV/KPA
- OKW Ag WNV/GBN
- OKW Ag WNV/CHI (Gen. KUTTLER, Maj. METTICH, Ministerialrat FENNER)
- OKW Ag WNV/Pa (Gen. ROSENKAMPF)
- OKW Ag WNV/Pa/West (Maj. v. WEDDEL)
- OKW Ag WNV/Pa/Süd Ost (Ost. SCHLICHTER) (Lt. WIRTH)

OKW Ag WNV/Pa/Ost (Referent East of the German W/T Intercept Service)

Ag- Antengruppe; WNV- Wehrmacht Nachrichten Verbindung;
KPA- Kriegs Formelde Amt; GBN- General Bevelm-achtigte für
Ag- Nachrichten Einsatz; Chi- Chiffre; Pa- Funk;

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III. OKW AG WNV/Pu/Cst

1. OKW AG WNV/Pu/Cst was only a small detachment consisting of between 15 and 20 men; with the only exception of its leader, Lt. WIRTH, all other personnel of the detachment were specialists: coders, cipher experts, secretaries, linguists. - The detachment itself was located in Berlin; it was a H₁ for incoming reports from other "field" units not subordinated to the OKW AG WNV/Pu/Cst. Object of the detachment's work was: to evaluate information sent in by the Funkversleitstelle of the Grupp (interrogation reports on captured Soviet agents) and by the Intercept Field Stations (messengers). The Intercept Field Stations were under control of OKW AG WNV/Pu (under Oberst ROSENKRANZ) and in no way responsible to OKW AG WNV/Pu/Cst.

2. The OKW AG WNV/Pu/Cst Detachment was divided into 4 sections:
 Section 1 - "Pallauswertung" (evaluation of W/T agent cases)
 Section 2 - "Funkverkehrsauswertung" (evaluation of W/T Traffic reports)
 Section 3 - "Pellauswertung" (evaluation of Direction Finding reports)
 Section 4 - "Bearbeitung der Funkprüche" (Deciphering and evaluation of W/T messages)

"Pallauswertung" was done by Lt. WIRTH;
 "Funkverkehrsauswertung" and "Pellauswertung" was done by Obfw. GRUN;
 "Bearbeitung der Funkprüche" was done by Uffs. MEHNERT.

3. Obfw. GRUN was, therefore, the ciphering expert. He has expressed a desire (to Lt. WIRTH) that he would volunteer to be interrogated on his cipher knowledge by some competent American officer; he is also very much interested in the work which he was doing for the detachment, and would enjoy nothing better than offer of some job by the Americans or the British where he could use his knowledge of ciphers. (His present address: Beilstein, Bismarck Kreis, Westerbald).

4. Uffs. MEHNERT is also a good experienced cipher man.

5. In addition to GRUN and MEHNERT there were other 8 men working for Lt. WIRTH. They are reported to have been contacted (with exception of GRUN) by the British and are being employed by them.

IV. The W/T Radio Intercept Unit:

1. The W/T people who did the actual intercept service numbered about 350 men; they were organized into 472 companies:

- (a) Funk Überwachung Abteilung 1 (Heer) under Hptm. FRIEDRICH, composed of 2 companies: Fu.Überw. Kompanie 616 and Fu.Überw. Halbkompanie 615.
- (b) Funk Überwachung Abteilung 2 (Luftwaffe) under Hptm. BAUER, composed of 2 companies: Fu.Überw. Kompanie s.b.V. 1 and Fu.Überw. Kompanie s.b.V. 2 (one of these was headed by a O'lt. KALCH).
- (c) Funküberwachung Kompanie 612 (Heer) under Obfw. OTTERHEIM.

2. Fu.Überw. Kp. 612 was in charge of W/T interception on the Eastern Front. It is reported that the British have managed to transport the whole company, including Obfw. OTTERHEIM to England and are using them in their old capacity.

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 V. Lt. WIRTH's detachment was formerly part of Abw III. Before 1942 OKW Ag XV was known as Abw III/K and was headed by Lt. SCHOLZINGER. OKW Ag XV/Pu was then referred to as Abw III/K, Abw III (1942), and was headed by Lt. SCHMIDT.

VI. DOCUMENTS RECOVERED FROM ULRICH WIRTH:

These "documents" were personal notes and reference booklets of Ulrich WIRTH. At the dissolution of WIRTH's Detachment WIRTH has hidden them with some farmer. WIRTH has demonstrated his wholehearted cooperation with the American authorities by immediately suggesting to recover these papers, which he did on 10 Feb 45. These "documents" consist of the following:

- Book I - "Organization of the Sov. Secret Service" (it was edited by Lt. KACOVSKI of Leitst. III/Cst).
- Book II - "History of the KIS" (this is a set of several reports made by the Leitst. III/Cst, Lt. WIRTH's own notes, and a German translation of Polish document on the subject captured by the Germans).
- Book III - "Personnel of the KIS" (Info originally compiled by Leitst. III/Cst and kept up to date by Lt. WIRTH of the OKW Ag XV/Pu/Cst).
- Book IV - "Names, Location, and Personnel of the KIS Schools" (like Book No. III this was also originally issued by Leitst. III/Cst and kept up to date by Lt. WIRTH).
- Book V - "Soviet S/T Service" (This is an unfinished work of Lt. WIRTH).
- Book VI - "Soviet Codes and Ciphers" (Excerpts from Orpe's interrogation reports of Soviet S/T agents).
- Book VII - "Hints on Combat of KIS S/T Intelligence" (This is just one issue of reports compiled periodically by Lt. WIRTH).
- Book VIII - "S/T Situation on the Eastern Front" (This consists of only 2 illustrative charts periodically issued by OKW Ag XV/Pu/Cst; similar to charts issued by the Leitst. III/Cst, and already recovered in quantity from KALT).
- Book IX - "Info on 25 Russian S/T agents" (This "book" consists of 14 separate interrogation reports, numbered I through XIV; these reports were compiled by either "Hauptabteilungen" of the Orpe or by the Leitst. III/Cst.)
- Book X - "Vital Statistics of some Russ. S/T agents" (only 20 men are here listed).

VII. WIRTH'S COMMENT ON PERSONNEL OF LEITST. III/CST:

1. SCHOLZINGER

"Man with beautiful manners, very strong positive personality, and good organizational ability. Extremely correct in handling of Pu's. He is not likely, though, to have much precise info on the KIS; he was a director of men and not a student."

2. KACOVSKI (Schmalzberger's adjutant)

"educated, wholly absorbed in literary work, well read; one of the best informed men on the KIS organization."

3. KACOVSKI

"considered by everyone who ever talked to him an expert on the KIS; he liked to talk a lot, a professorial type; his literary style was always very involved and obscure; his book (Organization of the Sov. Secret Service) could be much more informative if it was cut down to half of its present size."

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MARKS-

"Psychologist - good judge of a man's character; his estimate of an agent was always proven to be correct; but his knowledge of the KIS was always only sketchy".

STUDENT-
"Research man, well-informed on the Polish situation and, possibly, the Polish intelligence service".

SCHURGEN-
When KACOWSKI left the Leitstelle (end of 1944) SCHURGEN became KACOWSKI's successor. SCHURGEN was a man with an eye for details, very systematic; he religiously kept up to date list on the personnel of the KIS; he also intended to write a book. The greater part of SCHURGEN's list was recovered through WIRTH and is listed in "Book No. III".

SCHNEUMANN-
("Herb" - according to his wife who lives in the French Zone of Austria her husband committed suicide"). SCHNEUMANN was "well-informed on the KIS, but a poor memory and was very nervous and excitable". SCHNEUMANN's boss in Berlin, O. LEKOWSKI (Referent of III, Referat Ausland), should know most of what SCHNEUMANN knew.

8. — "If I had to learn something about the KIS I'd take lessons from Lt. CATZ, who has a clear mind, clear thinking and he, above all the rest, had an opportunity at the Leitstelle to have a peek into all departments of the Leitstelle's work".

VIII. **ADDENDUM:** Detailed description of contents of the recovered "documents". (This is done in a separate report).

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